



Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council was held in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 1 p. m. on Saturday the 14th April 1894.

PRESENT :—

The Dewan, ... *Presiding.*
M. R. Ry. K. Krishnaswamy Rao Avergal.
Mr. F. Watts.
M. R. Ry. V. Nagam Iyer Avergal.
Mr. T. F. Bourdillon.
M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillay Avergal.
M. R. Ry. Kerala Vurma Avergal, Valia Coil Thampuram.
M. R. Ry. E. Rama Iyer Avergal.

The Secretary presented the following papers :—

A letter from Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao proposing certain additions to the Departmental Enquiries Bill.

Do. applying for permission to introduce a Bill to amend the Penal Code.

Do. proposing to move for the appointment of a select committee to consider and report on the Registration Bill.

A letter from Mr. Nagam Iyer proposing an amendment to section 5 of the Departmental Enquiries Bill.

A letter from Mr. Ratnaswamy Iyer forwarding a memo of suggestions on the Registration Bill.

As copies of these were previously furnished to the members, they were taken as read.

The consideration of the Departmental Enquiries Bill was resumed.

Mr. Rama Iyer moved his amendment to substitute the following for section 5 in the Bill. "All witnesses in departmental enquiries shall be examined on oath or solemn affirmation in the manner prescribed for criminal courts."

In the course of the discussion, Mr. Watts drew attention to a recent Act of the Madras Government (V of 1893) on enquiries into the conduct of public servants. He also read out the observations of the Hon'ble Sir H. E. Stokes relating thereto and moved that the Bill be again referred to a select committee for consideration in the light now thrown on the subject by the enactment referred to and with reference to the practice in British India in connection with preliminary enquiries—the committee to be composed of Messrs. Krishnaswamy Rao, Nagam Iyer, Thanu Pillay, Rama Iyer and the mover.

Mr. Nagam Iyer seconded the motion.

Carried.